

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A fluid filter assembly comprising:
a housing having an end and defining a cavity;
a first tube supported by said end and in fluid communication with said cavity;
a diverter arranged within said cavity further comprising
first and second sides spaced from one another;
a first material and a second material supported on said first
material, said second material defining at least a portion of said first side;
and
a filter media supported by said second side, said first side having a
first wall defining an enclosed aperture with a hole extending from said
enclosed aperture to said second side, and said second material providing
said first wall and a second wall, said second wall on said first side, said
hole outside of said second wall;
wherein said filter media defines a central opening and said second
side includes a center tube provided by said first material at least partially
within said central opening, said first material providing a base with said
filter media secured to said base, and said center tube extending from said
base to provide a unitary structure; and
wherein said center tube includes rings and legs providing a
perforated structure.

~~and including first and second sides with said first side proximate to said end, said diverter including a base having a first wall on said first side proximate to said first tube, said first wall surrounding an opening associated with said first tube and said first wall sealing against said end, said base including a first material and said first wall including a second material different than said first material and which is supported on said first material, said first tube in fluid communication with said second side, and a second wall on said first side engaging said end and provided by said second material, said second wall defining a boundary where said second wall seals against said end, and said first wall is unbounded by said second wall; and~~

~~a filter media having a portion supported by said second side, said second wall fluidly separated from said opening by said first wall and said filter media.~~

2. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said first wall is cylindrical and defines an aperture with an edge of said first wall in sealing engagement with said end of said housing.

3. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein said diverter includes a hole extending between said first and second sides and in fluid communication with said aperture and said opening.

4. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 2, wherein said second material defines at least a portion of said first side including said edge of said first wall.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said housing includes a case defining said end and a cover opposite said end secured to said case, said cover supporting a third tube in fluid communication with said cavity, and said filter media arranged between said second and third tubes.

9. (Previously presented) The assembly according to claim 1, wherein said base supports said filter media with said first wall comprising a gasket supported by said base, said base extending radially outwardly beyond said filter media.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) the diverter according to claim ~~10~~ 25, wherein said first material is a plastic and said second material is an elastomer.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) The diverter according to claim ~~10~~ 25, wherein said first wall is cylindrical with an edge of said first wall defined by said second material.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The diverter according to claim ~~10~~ 25, wherein said second material is adhered to said first material.

16-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) The diverter according to claim ~~12~~ 25, wherein said center tube extends along a longitudinal axis, and said hole is offset radially from said longitudinal axis.

25. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ A fluid filter diverter ~~according to claim 12,~~
comprising:

first and second sides spaced from one another;

a first material and a second material supported on said first material,
said second material defining at least a portion of said first side; and

a filter media supported by said second side, said first side having a first
wall defining an enclosed aperture with a hole extending from said enclosed
aperture to said second side, and said second material providing said first wall
and a second wall, said second wall on said first side, said hole outside of said
second wall;

wherein said filter media defines a central opening and said second side
includes a center tube provided by said first material at least partially within
said central opening, said first material providing a base with said filter media
secured to said base, and said center tube extending from said base to provide a
unitary structure; and

wherein said center tube includes rings and legs providing a perforated
structure.

26. (Currently amended) The diverter according to claim ~~40~~ 25, wherein
an adhesive is arranged on said second side, and said filter media is embedded in
said adhesive securing said filter media to said second side.

27. (Currently amended) The diverter according to claim ~~40~~ 25, wherein
said first wall is unbounded by said second wall.